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Select Board Update

Submitted by Dawn Calley-Murdough

Happy Spring from the Select Board. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the snow will be gone and the bugs won't yet have arrived.

The biggest news from the Board is that we are entering our first year as a five-person Board. We welcome Tony Dumas and Charlie Brown as our two newest members. Prior to the Election, there was a lot of debate about whether our town needs five Selectpersons. The coming year offers us a good opportunity to understand how the Town can benefit from a larger Board.

Following on the topic of elections, there are still opportunities for alternate positions on the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Conservation Commission. There is also one vacant position on the Budget Committee. Volunteering on one of these Boards is a fantastic way to get involved in our Town. You can learn more about the Boards on the Town website.

One more on the election -- a huge thank you to everyone who worked on this year's election. Despite the weather-related challenges, both voting day and Town meeting ran exceptionally well. From the Moderator, Town Clerks, and Supervisors of the Checklist to the Ballot Clerks, Town Administration staff, and food suppliers, everyone involved deserves a big pat on the back.

Switching gears to the Marston property. Thanks to Nottingham residents, and volunteers, Matt Kouchoukos and Barry Gier, there has been great progress made in the design of the property for recreational use. The plan has been shared with the Planning Board and a Terrain Alteration Permit is being applied for. The goal is to break ground on Phase 1 efforts by later this Spring.

Finally, a reminder that you can find a wealth of information on the Town website, including the hours for various departments and updates on the USA springs bankruptcy.

For important alerts, the Police Department also uses the Nixle system. To receive alerts on your cell phone, look for the "Subscribe to News/Alerts" button on the home page of the Town website. Both the Police Department and the Recreation Department also do an excellent job of sharing information on Facebook, so like both those pages if you're on Facebook.

If you aren't on Facebook, or you don't have a cell phone, don't worry postings and information are always available at the Town Office.

Tax Collector Retires

Submitted by Eugene Reed, Tax Collector

At the opening of our recent Town Meeting, Sandra Weston, Town Clerk gave recognition to William (Bill) Garnett. Bill was Tax Collector for 21 years and has recently decided to retire from that position. This was Sandy's statement: "At the risk of upsetting him, mention must be made of his service to the Town over the past twenty one years. During the fifteen we have shared an office, I have watched Bill perform his duties and admired his interaction with the public-always in a professional, knowledgeable, and courteous manner. Being of similar ages, we were able to laugh at innocuous stuff that maybe a younger generation would not "get". Thank you, Bill, for your dedication. I hope you enjoy your "retirement."

Also, Heidi Seaverns, the Deputy Tax Collector, presented kind words and accolades for his many years of service.

I personally thank Bill for his continued support and coaching as I attempt to fill his big shoes.

Recycling Center

Submitted by Dawn Calley-Murdough

Remember it's only a small space and people do not want to be tripping over stuff to look around. Items placed in the Swap Shed should be in working condition and clean, not missing pieces. There have been numerous occasions when the staff has found items that are either broken, missing pieces or are very dirty. Also, remember there are some items that are not allowed in the Swap Shed like Electronics, Food, Paint and Big Furniture. If you have an item that you are not sure about please ask a staff member before placing it in the swap shed.

Tax Collector's Office

Submitted by Dawn Calley-Murdough

The Tax Collector is changing office hours. The new hours will be:

Tuesdays 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesdays 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursdays 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Call the Tax Collector at 603-679-1630 during these hours with any property tax questions you might have.

The "Tax Collector's Internet Kiosk" will allow tax payers to view property tax information at any time via the internet. This widely used on-line property tax system will allow tax payers to access property tax bill information on their own and at any time that is convenient to them.

Information being made available will not be taxpayer mailing addresses. All property tax information available on-line or in the Tax Collector's Office is public information in accordance with State of New Hampshire Laws and Rules. Find more information on the Tax Collector's Internet Kiosk on the Tax Collector's webpage at www.nottingham-nh.gov/tax-collector.



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Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Sandra Weston

The Town Clerk is now able to provide certified copies of the following vital records:

Death records from: 1965 to the present
Marriage records from: 1960 to the present
Divorce records from: 1979 to the present

Nottingham School

Submitted by Chris Sousa

In April, we had a special visit from a team of educators who were looking to see if we should make it to the next level of the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards, known as the Edies. We had a great visit!

As expected, our students and staff did a wonderful job representing our school. They were gracious and kind and of course the epitome of what teachers and students should be. We had a parent group come in as well to meet with the team, and I was very pleased at how many parents showed up mid-morning to talk with them. I wasn't sure the room was going to hold them all! Thank you to all who came in. The team was very pleased with the attention you showed and all you had to share.

We find out in a few weeks if we move onto the next step in the process, however, I really would like everyone to know that I sincerely believe we are already winners. It is an honor to be nominated and to have made it this far, but most of all, seeing our school through the eyes of others, helps me to realize how special we are as a community. And that makes us winners already.



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Science Fair

Submitted by Jen Bachhuber

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Science Fair! The projects showed all of the hard work and ingenuity from each student who participated. A special congratulations to the award winners of the 2017 Science Fair!

Third Grade

Gianna Leonardi, Third Place
Erika Best, Second Place
Colby Wojtkowski, Second Place

Fourth Grade

Cloey Marston, First Place
Quinn Froburg, Third Place
Coryn Therrien, Third Place
Cassidy Green, Second Place
Tobey Desroches, First Place

Fifth Grade

Jesse Glidden, Third Place
Caitlin Power, Second Place
Sawyer Pedersen, First Place
Eva Rose, First Place

Sixth Grade

Sierra McGrahey, Honorable Mention
Ross Cook, Third Place
Samuel Marcotte, Second Place
Willis Martin, Second Place
Lucy Ewing, First Place

Seventh Grade

Brooke Desroches, First Place

Eighth Grade

Keya Merrick, Honorable Mention
Olivia Noel, Third Place
Ava Burbank, Second Place
Lian Welch, First Place

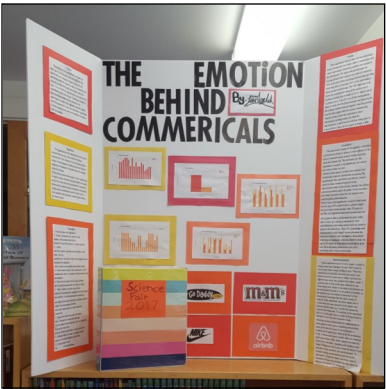
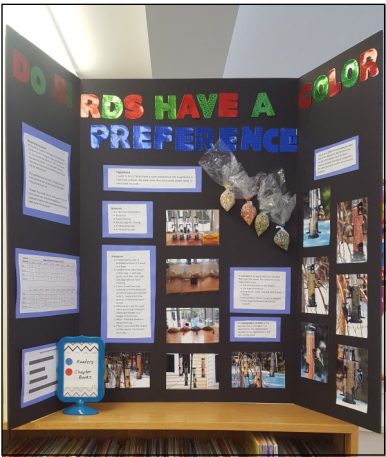
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Nottingham PTA, and parents for all their contributions.

The Science Fair would not have been a success without all the help from the wonderful judges, awesome volunteers and dedicated staff. A big thanks to all of them for their commitment to this event!

Planning has begun for the 2018 Science Fair. If you would like to lend your time or talent, please send an email to sciencefair@nottingham.k12.nh.us.



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Spring has sprung at the Library!

Submitted by Eric Stern

As I begin writing this article, we are expecting one (final?) winter blast...by the time this is published, let's hope that is a long forgotten memory.

The Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library will be holding the first of their bi-annual book sales the first weekend in May, Friday May 5 thru Sunday May 7. Friday's sale runs 5:30-7 p.m., and is for Nottingham residents only. The Saturday sale runs from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., and the Sunday sale runs from 1-4 p.m. The Saturday and Sunday sales are open to the public. Proceeds from this sale benefit the Friends of the Library, which in turn provides support for such things as our museum pass program—enabling discount or free admission to area museums—and other unique program offerings for adults and children.

Programs for Adults

On Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 – 8 p.m., the Friends of the Library and the New Hampshire Humanities Council will present a special program: "Angling in the Smile of the Great Spirit" with Hal Lyon. Anyone who ever posted a Gone Fishin' sign on the door during business hours will appreciate this native fisherman's glimpse into the habits, rituals, and lore of some of the more colorful members of the not-so-exclusive "Liars' Club." Hal Lyon shares tales, secrets, folklore, and history of fishing in New Hampshire's big lakes; especially Lake Winnepesaukee, which translates into "Smile of the Great Spirit." This program, held in the library meeting room, is free and open to the public. No advanced sign-up is required.

Still need a passport? On Sunday, June 4, from 1-4 p.m., the Nottingham Post Office will be at the library one more time for a Passport Day! Anyone with questions about the requirements for what you would

want to bring to this event to apply for a passport, please contact the post office at 679-8340.

On Thursday, June 8, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., the library will offer an introductory, instructional program: "What is GIS?" From ads that target specific areas to our navigation devices, we interact with GIS on a daily basis. But what is this technology? How does it work? And how can you use it yourself? Join us in the library meeting room as Christian Matthews, Transportation-GIS Analyst for the Rockingham Planning Commission, informs us about GIS, a technology that lets us visualize and analyze features on the Earth.

Programs for Kids

The fifth and final session of children's story hour (and Lego club) resumes on May 9 and concludes on June 15. Story hour takes a vacation during the summer (when the Children's Summer Reading Program is held) and it will resume once again, following a round of new signups, in early fall. Nottingham children from ages birth to six are welcome to participate in story hour, but space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Sign-up for the 2017 Children's Summer Reading Program is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, June 27. Many exciting programs and activities are currently being planned for the months of July and August, so stay tuned! This year's theme: "Build a Better World!"

The months of May and June bring a myriad of unique children's programs as well! Here they are...the question is, are you ready?

- Thursday, May 4, 3-5 p.m.: "May the 4th Be With You!" – Star Wars Party
- Tuesday, May 9, 3-4:30 p.m.: Mother's Day Craft
- Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m.-noon: Family Book Bingo (popcorn & prizes – oh my!)
- Tuesday, May 23, 3-4 p.m.: Tongue Twisters Contest!



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- Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.-noon: Drop-in Lego Free Build
- Tuesday, June 13, 3-4:30 p.m.: Father's Day Craft
- Wednesday, June 21, 3-4:30 p.m.: Make Your Own Book
- Thursday, June 29, 7-8 p.m.: You asked for it, so it's back – P.J. Story Hour!

Teen book discussion continues to be held every other Thursday evening, 7-8 p.m. These groups are informal; a chance to talk about the books and media that we're all consuming. Every so often we will choose one book for all to read, and then we meet to discuss that specific book.

For details on any library events, new materials added to the collection, museum passes, or just about anything related to the library, please visit us on Facebook, or at our website, nottinghamlibrary.org.

Nottingham Food Pantry

Submitted by Chelli Tennis

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Build A Better World: 2017 Summer Reading

Submitted by Carrie Bounds

Readers of all ages will explore all things fitness and self-and-world-improvement this summer as The Blaisdell Memorial Library presents "Build a Better World" during our Summer Reading Program. Activities will include group games, physical challenges, art projects, science and engineering experiments, dance and wildlife presentations, and much more.

The 2017 Summer Reading Program is open to all young people, preschool through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, story times, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities, and more. Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program, which runs as follows: July 6 through August 10, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1 p.m. (programs will run at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 6). The opening program is scheduled on July 7, 1:30 p.m. at the Nottingham Recreation Department.

The Hampstead Theater Company is showcasing Pinocchio and all are welcome to attend this performance. Raffle tickets will be available to all children attending any summer program.

Registration for "Build a Better World" begins on Tuesday, June 27. For more information, call the library at 603-679-8484 or visit our website, <https://nottinghamlibrary.org/>.






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Nottingham Community Church, Unitarian-Universalist

Submitted by Karyl Martin

We are a welcoming community to people of all faiths and creeds. We offer weekly services on Sundays at 10 a.m. at our historic church building located at 106 Church Street. We have been fortunate to have several guest ministers over the past few months, including Craig Werth, a student at the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine, returning on a regular basis. Please see our website at www.nottinghamuu.com or join our Facebook group for more information and join us at one of our upcoming spring concert:

May 21, 2017 at 4 p.m.: Prince Edward Island fiddler Richard Wood and accompanist and vocalist Gordon Belsher return to Nottingham!

New Hope Church

Submitted by Chelli Tennis

We welcome you to come and join us at 10 a.m. for Sunday morning services at 34 Raymond Road (Rte. 156) in Nottingham. Other opportunities to get connected include:

Grammie's Praying for Grandchildren (Moms in Prayer International): Monday nights at 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Nursing Home Ministry: For information, call Joe at 942-5833.

Women's Bible Study: On Wednesday nights. Call Donna at 734-4646 for more information.

Wednesday Nights Men's Bible Study: For information, call Pastor Ted at 285-3533.

Men's Breakfast at the Church: On the third Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.

Praying for our wayward children: On the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Prison Ministry: On the fourth Saturdays of the month; for more information, call Pastor Ted.

Barn Talk

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

About 50 people came and heard John Porter speak recently on the "History of Agriculture through Barns" at the old Town Hall. John gave a very informative illustrated slide talk showcasing barns from around the State. Along with the history of barns John encouraged people to preserve the barns they have. A timely patch of a leak, though not pretty, may prevent damage in the long term. He also encouraged clearing brush and trees away from the building as moisture is a major source of problems.

The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance is currently offering small matching grants which cover the cost of a professional assessment and help barn owners prioritize their repairs. The deadline for these grants is May 1, 2017 and August 1, 2017. The Alliance also has a barn tax incentive package for barn owners. For more information go to their website: <https://nhpreservation.org/old-barn-resources-overview/> or call (603) 224-2281.

Though some barns have been lost to fire, decay or been moved, Nottingham still has many fine old barns which are part of the history of the town. The Nottingham Historical Society would like to have a record of the barns still standing in town. We do not intend to advertise the information we receive, just maintain a list. If you have a barn, no matter the age, please send the following information, location of barn, approximate year it was built, style/condition and size to nottinghamhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Conservation Commission News

Submitted by Kristen Lamb

On Thursday, April 6, the Blaisdell Memorial Library hosted the Nottingham Conservation Commission in partnership with Center for Wildlife for the "Big Night Preparation: Vernal Pools and Spring Amphibian Migration" presentation. NCC member Kristen Lamb presented to over 20 participants for an enlightening evening on the mystery and wonder held in vernal pools in our backyards and forests. What's a vernal pool? What is "Big Night"? Early spring is the best time to identify vernal pools, and help salamanders, frogs, and toads along their mass spring migration. As the earth warms up and temperatures stabilize around 50 degrees Fahrenheit, sleepy reptiles and amphibians come out of hibernation and begin their movement to spring breeding grounds. Participants learned identification of vernal pools and obligate species through a slideshow presentation, interactive audio files, and a live animal ambassador from Center for Wildlife.

Participants were also guided through the 2105 Update of the Wildlife Action Plan map (compiled by UNH Cooperative Extension and NH Fish and Game Non-game and Endangered Species Program) where they found their own properties and learned about the habitats in their neighborhood. The presentation equipped these residents with the tools to host a neighborhood "Big Night Watch" and to involve family, friends, and neighbors in helping amphibians avoid road mortality during this special time of year. Here's a snapshot of the information learned for those who were not able to attend:

- Vernal pools are unique habitats: depressions in the forest often formed by glaciers that fill up with spring snow melt, are ephemeral in nature, and cannot support fish life
- Wood frogs, fairy shrimp, and blue spotted

salamanders are obligate species; their presence indicates a vernal pool habitat

- Vernal pools cannot be recreated, when they are accidentally or intentionally filled the unique and rare species found there may be gone forever
- Upland species such as barred owls and wood turtles rely on vernal pool species for food

We are delighted by the response and attendance at our programs held at the Blaisdell Memorial Library. We would like to thank Eric Stern for hosting us and helping to coordinate the events. If you have a question about vernal pools, or would like to contribute to the inventorying of vernal pools or wildlife species, please contact us at Nottcc2014@gmail.com. Conservation Commission meetings are held the second Monday of every month, and members of the public are encouraged to attend. We hope to see you soon.

Recreation Department News

Submitted by Samantha Beaudoin

Programs:

Martial Arts

Interested in learning Martial Arts? Join Brendan Behr on Monday and Wednesday nights in the Community Center Gym. Classes start at from 5:30 for the beginner class with the intermediate class starting afterward. Ages five through adults. There will also be a Ladies' Night Kickboxing and Self-Defense class date is to be determined. Contact the recreation office or Brendan for more information: brendan.behr@gmail.com

Line Dancing

Monday nights at 6 p.m. for beginners and 7 p.m. for intermediates. Classes at \$7 (drop in) or two-hour classes are \$8 (drop in). Classes are held at the Old Town Hall.

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Toddler Gym

Every Monday (except federal holidays), we host an open gym for toddlers ages 0-6 in the Community Center from 10 a.m.-noon. The cost is \$2 per child, and we always welcome new children! The yearly schedule follows the Nottingham School calendar so please check with the Recreation Department to see if Toddler Gym is offered during Vacation Weeks. There will be Toddler Gym on the 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th. Registration is also available online.

Toddler Music Time

Please join us every Thursday (except for federal holidays) for this fun and interactive music session for toddlers and their parents or caregivers. This is a hands on session so we want parents and caregivers to join in on the fun! Instruments will be provided. The cost is \$2 per child and we always welcome new children! The yearly schedule follows the Nottingham School calendar so please check with the Recreation Department to see if Toddler Music Time is offered during Vacation Weeks. There will be Toddler Music Time 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Registration is also available online.

Senior 55+ Luncheon

Senior Luncheons are held once a month at the Community Center. If you are not on our senior mailing list and you would like to be added, please let us know.

Ready Rides

Ready Rides is a volunteer driver and rider program that is specifically designed to help residents in rural towns get to their medical appointments. This service is available to Nottingham residents who are 55 or older or for those who are disabled. Call 603-244-8719 to become a rider or a driver. Ready Rides is in need of 2 Board Members from Nottingham. Please consider volunteering your time to this needed organization. Meetings are once a month in Northwood.

Senior 55+ Yoga

Missi D'Arcy from Symmetry Yoga will be doing a 60-minute stretching and yoga class for ages 55 and up on Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This class will be held at the Old Town Hall. We ask that if you have your own yoga mat and a towel to bring that would be great but is not required. Register in the office or online today.

Yoga and Yoga Daycare

Yoga Class offered every Wednesday. Classes will cater to those that attend class on that particular day.

This class will offer modifications for the newer student, and more challenging poses for the experienced student. This class is for any level of practitioner and as always only do what you can do. We will be offering childcare at the Community Center for up to 10 children for \$2 per child. Drop off is at 8:30 a.m. and pick up is no later than 10 a.m. Register in the office or online today.

Watercolor 101

Join us for our first Watercolor 101 Class with instructor Oliver Frid. This is a weekly class on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Old Town Hall. \$25 per class which covers cost of supplies. You may pay all at once, if you would like to attend all eight sessions, or you may pay the drop-in fee of \$25 per class.

Upcoming Events:

Challenger Soccer

Nottingham Recreation Department, July 10-14 at the Community Center Fields, 139 Stage Road. Free soccer jersey. Register Online By May 26. For more information contact Rich Lamoury at 401-213-3161 or rlamoury@challengersports.com. Register today at www.challengersports.com.

Art with a Splash

Join us at the Old Town Hall for painting, snacks, and mock-tails. April 7 6:30-8:30pm. We will be painting a Tropical Island, relax to sounds of Caribbean, and sip pina coladas. Class is for ages six and up so bring your kids along to enjoy this time. Event is at the Old Town Hall.

Fishing Derby

Nottingham Recreation's Annual Fishing Derby is scheduled for May 13, 2017, at the North River at Route 152 and Flutter Street. Nottingham residents only. Register by May 8 online. This is a free event.

Women's Vendor Fair

Vendors and businesses in the lifestyle, beauty and fashion business looking to get their business and company out to the local women. We will provide a space for you to set up and show your brand off for all the local ladies.

April Vacation Camp

April Vacation Camp will be "Five Days of Holidays!" We will enjoy St. Patrick's Day, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Fourth of July and Halloween! We will be starting camp at 8 a.m. with no early drop off and will be ending camp at 4pm with no late pickups.

Please have children bring two snacks and one lunch for each day they are at camp. We look forward to seeing all of you this fun filled week!

Summer Camp

June 26-August 18

For children entering first through fifth grades: Children attending camp will enjoy a full day packed with summer fun! Participants will enjoy organized games, art, swimming, free play and field trips. Camp meets from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., with pre-camp care from 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m. and post-camp care from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The theme for 2017 is Exploring! Registration will be available online on May 1, 2017, and the summer media guide will be available in late April.

Summer Concert Series

July 18: Hungry Town (Folk)

July 25: Kelly Girls (Celtic Band)

August 1: Soggy Po Boys (New Orleans Contemporary/Swing)

August 8: Don Campbell (Folk, Rock, Country, Pop)

August 24: 39th Army Band



Nottingham Newsletter Volunteers

Submitted by Jen Bachhuber and Laurie Legard

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PLIA Earth Day Road Cleanup

Submitted by Pamela Kelly

On Saturday, April 22—Earth Day—volunteers from the Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association gathered along a stretch of Route 156 to pick up trash along the highway. What better timing for this project? Now that the snows of winter have melted, the trash that lay hidden beneath their depths was highly visible, and therefore easier to spot and to remove.

Twice a year, PLIA members gather on Route 156 to spend an hour or so fanning out along both sides of the highway between the signs bearing the organization's name. It is a program of which the PLIA is proud, and is one way to give back to the community.

The PLIA's Annual Meeting is May 20 at the Town Offices—please join us!

